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Isolationism by Any Other Name . . .**Dodd Replies on Cuba**

Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D., Conn.) charged today that those who advocated "passive acceptance" of communism in Cuba were retreating to isolationism.

In a speech prepared for Senate delivery, he said "some of those who understood the illusion of 'fortress America' isolationism have now become advocates of an essentially identical brand of isolationism."

"They appear to believe that our security and our freedom would not be affected even if the major part of the hemisphere and, for that matter, of the free world were to go communist," he said.

PREDICTS REVOLT

Sen. Dodd predicted a revolt in Cuba "in the not too distant future." He said "What we say and what we do can expedite the process or slow it down."

Sen. Dodd did not mention Chairman J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee who touched off a national debate on foreign policy with a recent speech, but he was answering Sen. Fulbright's arguments.

Sen. Dodd said: "In recent months an increasing number of people have expressed the belief that Castro is here to stay, that our economic embargo

is an exercise in futility, and that the best we can do is to reconcile ourselves to the reality of Castro . . ."

He said this policy of "passive acceptance is based on three fallacies"—that Castro's regime is secure; that communist governments are immune to revolt; and that the Castro regime "while admittedly a nuisance, does not pose any mortal threat to our security."

WRONG

Sen. Dodd said these assumptions were wrong. He said Cuba was seething with discontent and could erupt anytime, that recent history was studded with uprisings behind the Iron Curtain which were put down by Soviet troops; and that Castro was a threat to U. S. security because of his activities in Latin America.

" . . . If one major country like Brazil were to go communist," he said, "it is questionable whether the political tides generated by this development could be stopped anywhere south of the Rio Grande."

Sen. Dodd said that if the U. S. was cut off from its traditional markets in the Americas, it would have to increase defense spending and could no longer play a serious role in world affairs.

"If America were thus isolated," he said, "it is not inconceivable that internal pressures would lead either to a popular front regime or else to a Fascist Regime." (UPD)